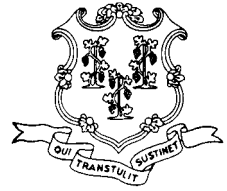




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Fatal Shooting Incident at Middletown Courthouse

On 06-15-05, at approximately 9:34 a.m., police received an emergency 911 call reporting a shooting incident had occurred in the parking lot area behind the GA-9 courthouse in Middletown, Connecticut. Several persons were reported injured as a result of this shooting.

Emergency medical services and police responded to the scene, where they discovered three (3) persons apparently suffering from gunshot wounds. One female victim was pronounced deceased at the scene while a second female victim was transported by ground EMS to Middlesex Hospital in Middletown. A male victim appearing to be suffering from a self-inflicted gunshot wound was transported by Lifestar helicopter to Hartford Hospital.

The scene was secured by the Middletown Police Department along with responding State Troopers. The Connecticut State Police Central District Major Crime Unit (CDMU) also responded to this scene to work with the Middletown Police Department in this incident. All persons involved in this incident have been identified. The male victim is identified, a female is identified as his former spouse and one a female is identified as an attorney. The identities of these individuals are being withheld, pending a notification of their next of kin and completion of a post mortem examination which will be conducted by the Office of the Chief State's Medical Examiner to determine the exact manner and cause of death of the deceased victim.

The courthouse was secured during this incident but reopened for business a short time later. Numerous witnesses have identified and this investigation is continuing.

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